

procedures related to information security to secure and ensure the resiliency of Federal and non-Federal information systems and including election systems;

“(G) provide, upon request, operational and technical assistance to Federal and non-Federal entities to implement tools, products, resources, policies, guidelines, controls, and procedures on information security, including by, as appropriate, deploying and sustaining cybersecurity technologies, such as an intrusion detection capability, to assist those Federal and non-Federal entities in detecting cybersecurity risks and incidents;

“(H) assist Federal and non-Federal entities in developing policies and procedures for coordinating vulnerability disclosures, to the extent practicable, consistent with international and national standards in the information technology industry;

“(I) ensure that Federal and non-Federal entities, as appropriate, are made aware of the tools, products, resources, policies, guidelines, controls, and procedures on information security developed by the Department and other appropriate Federal departments and agencies for ensuring the security and resiliency of civilian information systems; and

“(J) promote cybersecurity education and awareness through engagements with Federal and non-Federal entities.

“(o) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, and every 2 years thereafter, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives a report on the status of cybersecurity measures that are in place, and any gaps that exist, in each State and in the largest urban areas of the United States.”.

The bill (S. 1846), as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed.

#### REAFFIRMING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GENERAL SECURITY OF MILITARY INFORMATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND JAPAN

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Foreign Relations Committee be discharged from further consideration and the Senate now proceed to S. Res. 435.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 435) reaffirming the importance of the General Security of Military Information Agreement between the Republic of Korea and Japan, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to proceeding to the measure?

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mrs. FISCHER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 435) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The resolution, with its preamble, is printed in the RECORD of November 20, 2019, under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to executive session for the consideration of Calendar Nos. 510 through 517 and all nominations on the Secretary's desk in the Air Force, Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Foreign Service, and Coast Guard; that the nominations be confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table with no intervening action or debate; that no further motions be in order; that any statements related to the nominations be printed in the Record; and that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations considered and confirmed en bloc are as follows:

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named officers for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Army under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

#### To be brigadier general

Col. Patrick R. Michaelis

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

#### To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen Daniel L. Karbler

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

#### To be brigadier general

Col. Stephanie A. Purgerson

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

#### To be brigadier general

Col. Leslie A. Beavers  
Col. Robert M. Blake  
Col. Melissa A. Coburn  
Col. Vanessa J. Dornhoefer  
Col. Lynnette J. Hebert  
Col. Jeffrey F. Hill  
Col. Traci L. KuekerMurphy  
Col. Preston F. McFarren  
Col. William D. Murphy  
Col. Dana N. Nelson  
Col. Robert P. Palmer  
Col. David A. Piffarerio  
Col. Mitchell D. Richardson  
Col. William A. Rock  
Col. Mark V. Slominski  
Col. Max J. Stitzer  
Col. Robert W. VanHoy, II  
Col. Adrian K. White

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

#### To be major general

Brig. Gen. Lee Ann T. Bennett  
Brig. Gen. Jay S. Goldstein  
Brig. Gen. Jeffrey S. Hinrichs  
Brig. Gen. Bret C. Larson  
Brig. Gen. Bryan P. Radloff  
Brig. Gen. Scott A. Sauter

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

#### To be brigadier general

Col. Darrin D. Lambrigger

#### IN THE ARMY

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

#### To be major general

Brig. Gen. John C. Boyd

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 12203 and 12211:

#### To be brigadier general

Col. Damon N. Cluck

#### NOMINATIONS PLACED ON THE SECRETARY'S DESK

#### IN THE AIR FORCE

PN1115 AIR FORCE nominations

(10) beginning JEFFREY J. AUTREY, and ending JENNIFER T. VECCHIONE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of September 19, 2019.

PN1269 AIR FORCE nominations

(127) beginning THOMAS JASON ABELL, and ending LAWRENCE NAHNO YAZZIE, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2019.

PN1270 AIR FORCE nomination of Joshua B. Stierwalt, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2019.

#### IN THE ARMY

PN1205 ARMY nomination of Michael W. Torre, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 15, 2019.

PN1206 ARMY nomination of Austin C. Vann, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 15, 2019.

PN1257 ARMY nomination of Michael J. Blanton, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 30, 2019.

PN1258 ARMY nomination of Laina G. Cafego, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 30, 2019.

PN1259 ARMY nomination of Lyle E. Bushong, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 30, 2019.

PN1261 ARMY nomination of Garth E. Coke, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 30, 2019.

PN1264 ARMY nomination of Brent R. Robertson, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 30, 2019.

PN1271 ARMY nomination of Gerald J. Hall, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2019.

PN1272 ARMY nomination of Nicole L. Kruse, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2019.

## IN THE COAST GUARD

\* PN1226 COAST GUARD nominations (5) beginning JOSEPH D. BROWN, and ending MARIETT C. OGG, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 15, 2019.

## IN THE FOREIGN SERVICE

PN606—1 FOREIGN SERVICE nominations (15) beginning Derrick Scott Brown, and ending V. Kate Somvongsiri, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of April 10, 2019.

PN788—2 FOREIGN SERVICE nomination of Jay P. Williams, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of May 21, 2019.

## IN THE MARINE CORPS

PN1274 MARINE CORPS nomination of Emma R. Shinn, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2019.

PN1275 MARINE CORPS nomination of Ryan J. Nowlin, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2019.

## IN THE NAVY

PN1265 NAVY nomination of John N. Amiral, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of October 30, 2019.

PN1273 NAVY nomination of Thomas Q. Gallagher, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the Congressional Record of November 12, 2019.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 485, 537, and 539.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nominations en bloc.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nominations of Robert Anthony Dixon, of the District of Columbia, to be United States Marshal for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of four years; Thomas Michael O'Connor, of Texas, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of Texas for the term of four years; and Ralph Ignatius Sozio, of New York, to be United States Marshal for the Southern District of New York for the term of four years.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations, en bloc.

Mrs. FISCHER. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Dixon, O'Connor, and Sozio nominations en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 420.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of E. Sequoyah Simermeyer, of Maryland, to be Chairman of the National Indian Gaming Commission for the term of three years.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nomination with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motion be in order; and that any statement relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Seimermeyer nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 482, 483, and 484.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nominations en bloc.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nominations of Joshua A. Deahl, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years; Deborah J. Israel, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years; and Andrea L. Hertzfeld, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations, en bloc.

Mrs. FISCHER. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Deahl, Israel, and Hertzfeld nominations en bloc?

The nominations were confirmed en bloc.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of the following nomination: Executive Calendar No. 129.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of John Lowry III, of Illinois, to be Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans' Employment and Training.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nomination.

Mrs. FISCHER. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nomination with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nomination be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Lowry nomination?

The nomination was confirmed.

## EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mrs. FISCHER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following nominations: Executive Calendar Nos. 456, 493, and 495.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will report the nominations en bloc.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nominations of John E. Kramer, of Florida, to be Chief Financial Officer, Department of Transportation; Ian Paul Steff, of Indiana, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service; and Carl Whitney Bentzel, of Maryland, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner for the term expiring June 30, 2024.

Thereupon, the Senate proceeded to consider the nominations en bloc.

Mrs. FISCHER. I ask unanimous consent that the Senate vote on the nominations en bloc, with no intervening action or debate; that if confirmed, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table en bloc; that the President be immediately notified of the Senate's actions; that no further motions be in order; and that any statements relating to the nominations be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Kramer, Steff, and Bentzel nominations en bloc?